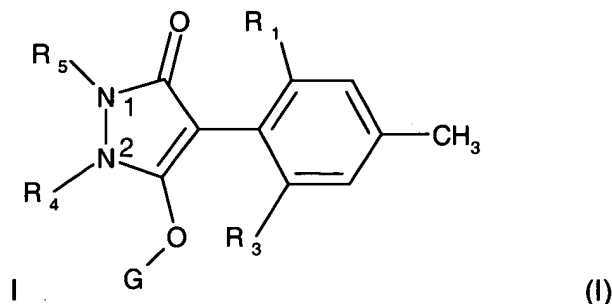


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A selective herbicidal composition comprising, in addition to customary inert formulation assistants, as the active ingredient a mixture of

a) a herbicidally effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein

R_1 and R_3 independently of one another are halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 -alkynyl, C_1 - C_4 -halogenalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -halogenalkenyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, halogen-substituted C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkoxyalkyl, C_2 - C_6 -alkylthioalkyl, hydroxy, mercapto, C_1 - C_6 -alkoxy, C_3 - C_6 -alkenyloxy, C_3 - C_6 -alkynyloxy, carbonyl, carboxyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylcarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -hydroxyalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylthio, C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfinyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylsulfonyl, amino, C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino or di- $(C_1$ - C_4 -alkyl)-amino;

R_4 and R_5 together signify a group

- $C-R_6(R_7)$ -O- $C-R_8(R_9)$ - $C-R_{10}(R_{11})$ - $C-R_{12}(R_{13})$ - (Z₁),
- $C-R_{14}(R_{15})$ - $C-R_{16}(R_{17})$ -O- $C-R_{18}(R_{19})$ - $C-R_{20}(R_{21})$ - (Z₂), or
- $C-R_{22}(R_{23})$ - $C-R_{24}(R_{25})$ - $C-R_{26}(R_{27})$ -O- $C-R_{28}(R_{29})$ -; (Z₃);

wherein R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} , R_{12} , R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , R_{18} , R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} , R_{23} , R_{24} , R_{25} , R_{26} , R_{27} , R_{28} , and R_{29} independently of one another are hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_1 - C_4 -halogenalkyl, whereby an alkylene ring, which together with the carbon atoms of groups Z₁, Z₂ or Z₃ contains 2 to 6 carbon atoms and may be interrupted by oxygen, may be either anellated or spiro-linked to the carbon atoms of groups Z₁, Z₂ or Z₃, or this alkylene ring overbridges at least one ring atom of groups Z₁, Z₂ or Z₃;

G is hydrogen, $-C(X_1)-R_{30}$, $-C(X_2)-X_3-R_{31}$, $-C(X_4)-N(R_{32})-R_{33}$, $-SO_2-R_{34}$, an alkaline, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation or $-P(X_5)(R_{35})-R_{36}$ or $-CH_2-X_6-R_{37}$;

X_1 , X_2 , X_3 , X_4 , X_5 and X_6 independently of one another, are oxygen or sulfur;

R_{30} , R_{31} , R_{32} und R_{33} independently of one another, are hydrogen,

C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -halogenalkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -cyanoalkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -nitroalkyl, C_1 - C_{10} -aminoalkyl, C_1 - C_5 -alkylamino- C_1 - C_5 -alkyl, C_2 - C_8 -dialkylamino- C_1 - C_5 -alkyl, C_3 - C_7 -cycloalkyl- C_1 - C_5 -alkyl, C_2 - C_{10} -alkoxy-alkyl, C_4 - C_{10} -alkenyloxy-alkyl, C_4 - C_{10} -alkynyloxy-alkyl, C_2 - C_{10} -alkylthio-alkyl, C_1 - C_5 -alkylsulfoxyl- C_1 -

C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylsulfonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkylideneamino-oxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-amino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₅-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C₃-C₆-trialkylsilyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenyl- C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryl- C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenoxy- C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryloxy- C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkenyl, C₂-C₅-halogenalkenyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy or C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro;

R₃₄, R₃₅ and R₃₆ independently of one another, are hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₁-C₁₀-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-cyanoalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-nitroalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-aminoalkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino- C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkoxy-alkyl, C₄-C₁₀-alkenyloxy-alkyl, C₄-C₁₀-alkinyloxy-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkylthio-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylsulfoxyl- C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylsulfonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkylideneamino-oxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-amino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₅-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C₃-C₆-trialkylsilyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenyl- C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryl- C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenoxy- C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryloxy- C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkenyl, C₂-C₅-halogenalkenyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl,

C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy or C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₁-C₁₀-alkoxy, C₁-C₁₀-halogenalkoxy, C₁-C₅-alkylamino, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino as well as benzyloxy or phenoxy, whereby the benzyl and phenyl groups in turn may be substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, carboxyl, C₁-C₅-alkoxycarbonyl, methylthio, ethylthio, or nitro; and R₃₇ is C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₁-C₁₀-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-cyanoalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-nitroalkyl, C₁-C₁₀-aminoalkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₃-C₇-cycloalkyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkoxy-alkyl, C₄-C₁₀-alkenyloxy-alkyl, C₄-C₁₀-alkynyloxy-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkylthio-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylsulfoxyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylsulfonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-alkylideneamino-oxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkoxycarbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-amino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₈-dialkylamino-carbonyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₁-C₅-alkylcarbonylamino-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₅-alkyl)-aminoalkyl, C₃-C₆-trialkylsilyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenyl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryl-C₁-C₅-alkyl, phenoxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, heteroaryloxy-C₁-C₅-alkyl, C₂-C₅-alkenyl, C₂-C₅-halogenalkenyl, C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl, phenyl; or phenyl substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or heteroaryl or heteroarylamino; heteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diheteroarylamino, diheteroarylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; phenylamino, phenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; diphenylamino, diphenylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino, di-C₃-C₇-cycloalkylamino substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy or C₃-C₇-cycloalkoxy substituted by C₁-C₃-alkyl, C₁-C₃-halogenalkyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy, C₁-C₃-halogenalkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro; or C₁-C₁₀-alkylcarbonyl; as well as salts and diastereoisomers of the compounds of formula I, with the proviso that R₁ and R₃ are not simultaneously methyl; and;

b) a herbicidally synergistic amount of at least one herbicide selected from the classes of phenoxy-phenoxypropionic acids, hydroxylamines, sulfonylureas, imidazolinones, pyrimidines, triazines, ureas, PPO, chloroacetanilides, phenoxyacetic acids, triazinones, dinitroanilines, azinones, carbamates, oxyacetamides, thiolcarbamates,azole-ureas, benzoic acids, anilides, nitriles, triones

and sulfonamides, as well as from the herbicides amitrol, benfuresate, bentazone, cinmethylin, clomazone, chlopyralid, difenzoquat, dithiopyr, ethofumesate, flurochloridone, indanofane, isoxaben, oxaziclomefone, pyridate, pyridafol, quinchlorac, quinmerac, tridiphane, glufosinate and flamprop.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): Composition according to claim 1, which contains, to antagonise the herbicide, an antidotally effective amount of a safener selected from the group consisting of cloquintocet, an alkali, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation of cloquintocet, cloquintocet-mexyl, mefenpyr, an alkali, alkaline earth, sulfonium or ammonium cation of mefenpyr and mefenpyr-diethyl.

Claim 3 (Original): Composition according to claim 1, which contains an additive comprising an oil of vegetable or animal origin, a mineral oil, the alkylesters thereof or mixtures of these oils and oil derivatives.

Claim 4 (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 1.

Claim 5 (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 2.

Claim 6 (Original): A method of selectively controlling weeds and grasses in crops of cultivated plants, which comprises treating said cultivated plants, the seeds or seedlings or the crop area thereof, with a composition according to claim 3.

Claim 7 (Original): A method according to claim 4 wherein the cultivated plant is cereal or maize.